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DEVELOPMENT OF AIRPORTS IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for development of airports in Shimla, Kullu and Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds earmarked for the purpose; and

(d) the time by which the development plan for these airports is likely to be executed and completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) , (b), (c) & (d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up upgradation works for construction of new terminal building for 100 passengers at a time with all amenities, a new apron accommodate 3 ATR -42 type of aircraft, new taxi way, new fire station, MT work shop, car park etc.at Kullu Manali airport. The work of apron and taxiway have been completed, and the work of new terminal building is likely to be completed by 30th June, 2006.

Various development works like strengthening and extension of runway, construction of new apron for parking of two 50 seater aircraft with link taxiway, construction of new terminal building for 100 passengers with car park, new fire station etc. have been undertaken at Kangra (Dharamshala) airport and new control tower cum technical block is under construction and is likely to be completed by 30th June, 2006.

Due to terrain condition, it is not possible to take up further extension of runway at Shimla airport. However, AAI has completed the runway resurfacing work at this airport in July, 2002. AAI also take necessary action from time to time to avoid erosion of land surrounding this airport.

A total cost of Rs.2547.71 lacs has been earmarked for Kullu and Kangra airports and for Shimla a fund of Rs.98.29 lacs has been earmarked.